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TAGS: OVIP (RUSH)

SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: STATE 090416

1. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT IS TAKING OFF THIRD DAY OF EXTENDED MAY DAY HOLIDAY. AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS VISIT AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT MAY 6. WHILE YUGOSLAVS WILL GREATLY WELCOME THIS VISIT WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR SOME TIME, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY TIME HERE. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT RPT NOT CERTAIN TITO WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE DEPSEC. TENTH LCY CONGRESS -- MOST IMPORTANT PARTY GATHERING IN YEARS -- WILL HAVE ENDED IN BELGRADE MAY 30, CERTAINLY HAVING MADE HEAVY DEMANDS ON TITO'S TIME AND ENERGY. THEN TITO WILL DOUBTLESS REST UP BRIEFLY FOR HIS STATE VISIT TO FRG WHICH BEGINS JUNE 5. IF TITO DOES RECEIVE DEPSEC, THIS DECISION TO DO THIS MIGHT BE MADE VIRTUALLY AT LAST MINUTE.

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2. OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV HOST FOR TALKS WILL PROBABLY BE DEPUTY

FOREIGN SECRETARY PETRIC (WHO WILL BE ACTING SECRETARY, IF MINIC STILL CONVALESCENT THEN). RECOMMEND DEPSEC AGREE TO OUR REQUESTING CALLS ON:

(A) VICE PRESIDENT OF SFRY PRESIDENCY (WHO WILL BE NEW MAN, NOT YET NAMED) IF CALL ON TITO IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND

(B) PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PRIME MINISTER) DZEMAL BIJEDIC (WHO WILL BE CONTINUING ON IN NEW GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OFFICE MAY 15).

3. ROUGH SCHEDULE PROPOSAL (SUBJECT TO DRASTIC REVISION SHOULD TITO RECEIVE DEPSEC IN BELGRADE OR BRIONI):

FRIDAY, MAY 31:

P.M. ARRIVE BELGRADE. ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT AIRPORT. DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR TOON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH PETRIC AND OTHER APPROPRIATE YUGOSLAVS ATTENDING. IF YUGOSLAVS DESIRE HOST DINNER, AMB WOULD GIVE LUNCHEON SATURDAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1:

A.M. CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT OF SFRY PRESIDENCY. CALL ON PRESIDENT OF FEC. START OFFICIAL TALKS.

P.M. LUNCH HOSTED BY GOY (OR AMB) EXCHANGE OF TOASTS. LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR DUBROVNIK.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2:

A.M. DUBROVNIK. FREE TIME.

MONDAY, JUNE 3:

A.M. OFFICIAL TALKS CONTINUE IN DUBROVNIK(PARTICULARLY IF MINIC RECEIVES DEP SEC AT HIS CONVALESCENT ADDRESS NEAR THERE) OR BACK IN BELGRADE.

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P.M. LUNCH. LATER AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR ROME. PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT (PROBABLY ONLY IN CASE OF BELGRADE DEPARTURE).

N.B. YUGOSLAVS CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEEK OUR AGREEMENT TO ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR JOINT PRESS RELEASE AT END OF DEPSEC VISIT (LATTER FORM USED AT TIME OF SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT).

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